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### **Craigslist iPhone Robberies**

The Austin Police Department Robbery Unit is investigating a series of robberies that began occurring on February 1, 2010. Four of the robberies occurred when a suspect sees an ad for iPhones on Craigslist, contacts the victim and arranges to meet. The meetings were all set up in business parking lots usually between the hours of 10:15 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. The suspect then gets the victim to an isolated area in the parking lot and robs the victim using weapons and physical force. The robberies have been reported at the following locations:

- 1300 East Riverside Drive on Monday, February 1, 2010.
- 11200 Lakeline Mall Boulevard on Thursday, March 4, 2010.
- 2411 West Braker Lane on Saturday, March 6, 2010.
- 5401 North I-35 on Monday, March 22, 2010.

The Braker Ln. and Lakeline Mall Blvd. robberies appear to be related. Two suspects have been arrested and charged in the Braker Lane robbery. They have been identified as Arthur Anderson, Black male, (D. O. B. 12-23-1991) and Kent Jenkins, White male, (D. O. B. 04-03-92).

Please follow these safety tips when meeting someone to purchase or sell something from any online ad.

- Arrange meeting in very public places with plenty of people around.
- Avoid, at all costs, being directed to an isolated area of a parking lot.



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- Attempt to obtain as much identifying information on subject prior to meeting.
- Do not go alone, take people with you.
- Avoid meeting after dark (most of robberies occurred after 10 pm).
- Call police immediately if you are the victim of a robbery.

These cases remain under investigation by the Robbery Unit. Anyone with information is asked to call the Robbery Tip line at 512-974-5092.

**Media Advisory:** Photos of the two arrested subjects are attached.

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